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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

When I was informed about my rights under the Tunney Act to express my opinion on the Microsoft case, I could not help but utilize this opportunity.

For the past three years I have watched in frustration as this case as dragged on and on and now some states want to push for further litigation. This is unreal! This lawsuit has already cost the taxpayers, Microsoft and the IT industry unspeakable amounts of money.

I am in agreement with this settlement and believe the terms more than allow for competitor's access to Microsoft's infrastructure. For instance, Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers to configure Windows in a way that will accomodate non-Microsoft software . They have also agreed to design future versions of Windows that will all for interoperation with non-Microsoft programs. In an addition to all of this Microsoft has made an unprecedented agreement to share internal Windows interfaces with their competitors.

If the aforementioned terms are acceptable to the competitors, what are the states finding fault with. I hope that you will make the decision necessary to bring formalization to this settlement as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Verlyn Davis